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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/833,148-Conf. #1646
	Filing Date	April 11, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Yusuke Kimata
	Art Unit	3626
	Examiner Name	R. S. Glass
	Attorney Docket Number	X2850.0048

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☒ Consider the arguments in the Amendment After Final Action previously filed October 31, 2007
 - ii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☐ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2215. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
 - c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Signature	/Ian R. Blum/	Date	December 12, 2007
Name (Print/Type)	Ian R. Blum	Registration No.	42,336

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4).

Dated: December 12, 2007

Electronic Signature for Ian R. Blum: /Ian R. Blum/